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In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/511,824

Filed: February 24, 2000

For: IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR  
LYSED WHOLE BLOOD

Examiner: G. Gabel

Group Art Unit: 1641

April 23, 2001

Irvine, California 92614

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PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated October 24, 2001, of the Examiner's final rejection of the claims.

Enclosed please find our check for the appropriate fee of \$320.00.

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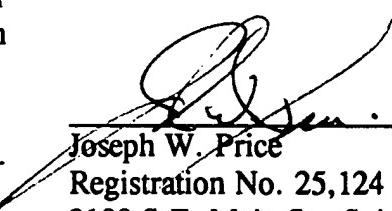
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Respectfully submitted,

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